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#### JED STONE

Stone & Associates, Ltd. is a leader in the field of criminal defense. Jed Stone has defended persons charged with serious crime in both federal and state courts. He has argued criminal causes in the supreme courts of Illinois, Louisiana, Wisconsin and before the Supreme Court of the United States. Stone is a Leading Lawyer in criminal defense and a respected advocate on appeal. He is a Fellow of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers. The Chicago Bar Association has declared him a Master Advocate. The American Society of Legal Advocates lists Jed Stone as one of their top 100 lawyers. With 42 years of experience at the bar, Jed Stone and his team of lawyers, investigators, paralegals and staff stand ready to defend you or a loved one charged with a serious crime.

Jed Stone is a past president of the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and former chair of the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He has held a faculty appointment at Lake Forest College where he taught courses in criminal law and procedure. Stone was recently inducted in the NAACP Civil Rights Hall of Fame in Lake County, Illinois. Chicago-Kent College of Law awarded Stone the Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Public Interest Law Award in 2008.

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## PATRICK DiCARLO

Patrick DiCarlo has over 24 years' experience litigating in federal district and appellate courts, including representing some of America's largest employers in over a dozen appeals. He has extensive oral advocacy and trial experience. Mr. DiCarlo represents clients in all aspects of employee benefits, executive compensation and securities litigation. His combination of litigation expertise and deep knowledge of ERISA and securities regulatory compliance issues provides unique insight into ERISA and related securities compliance issues and disputes, including fiduciary and prohibited transaction concerns, service provider fees, investments in employer securities, the prudence of particular investments and investment policies, executive compensation disputes, disclosure issues and challenges to benefit claim review procedures and decisions. Mr. DiCarlo received his J.D. degree, cum laude, from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1994, and his B.A. from the University of Georgia in 1991. He is admitted to practice in Georgia and in federal courts throughout the country.

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